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2:50 PM	3:37 PM	Intermediates San Rafael San Francisco	7:15 PM 7:17 PM
10:30 AM	10:25 AM	Glen Ellen and Intermediates	8:10 AM
7:17 PM	7:15 PM	Intermediates Glen Ellen and Intermediates	3:37 PM
6:18 AM	8:10 AM	Novato Petaluma Santa Rosa and Intermediates	10:30 AM 7:15 PM
2:50 PM	3:37 PM	Intermediates Santa Rosa Petaluma Novato and Intermediates	7:15 PM 7:17 PM
6:18 AM	8:10 AM	Ukiah and Intermediates	7:15 PM
2:50 PM	3:37 PM	Intermediates Ukiah and Intermediates	7:15 PM
6:18 AM	8:10 AM	Sebastopol and Intermediates	10:30 AM
2:50 PM	3:37 PM	Intermediates Sebastopol and Intermediates	7:15 PM
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THE GOOSE FEATHER.

[An American Indian song.]
Black lake, black lake,
The wild geese hid within the brake.
The string upon my bow fell loose,
The arrow slipped and missed the geese.
He heard my step and flew away,
I found a feather where he lay.
Arrow thin, arrow thin,
I struck the black goose feather in.
Black lake, black lake,
A goose lies dead within the brake.
This morn his own black feather whirled
And sped the shaft that killed the bird.
—Charles A. Collmann in Century.

STOPPED IN TIME.

At the time of which I am writing I
was living in seclusion in a small town
about 85 miles north of London. I was
engaged in rather a large literary un-
dertaking—in fact, I was writing a
novel. So engrossed was I with my
task that I had no time to read even
the newspaper and was quite ignorant
of what was going on in the world. It
was a little after 8 o'clock one evening
in April that I finished the second vol-
ume of my work. I put on my hat and
coat and started off for an evening
stroll. I had no sooner stepped into the
street than a boy accosted me with a
bundle of papers under his arm and the
request, "Buy an evening paper, sir!"
I bought one, put it in my pocket and
resumed my walk.

After my return I opened my paper
leisurely—nay, lazily. Presently my
eye was caught with the following para-
graph heading, "Impending Execution
of the Clinfold Murderer."

There is a morbid fascination for
most people in an execution, and so,
yielding to this feeling, I proceeded to
read the paragraph:

"The murderer of the unfortunate
James Renfrew will be hanged to-mor-
row morning at 8 o'clock. The wretched
man, whose name—Charles Fenthurst—
is now in everybody's mind, still
persists in his plea of innocence."

Here I became deeply interested. The
name of Fenthurst was most familiar to
me. I had formed a deep friendship
with a man of that name. He was
good 15 years my senior and had died
about two years previously. I knew he
had a son named Charles, a young fel-
low who had emigrated to South Africa
early in life and who was generally
supposed to be working at the diamond
mines. Could this be the same man? I
read:

"It will be remembered that at the
trial the strongest circumstantial evi-
dence was brought to bear upon Fent-
hurst. The murder took place in a house
on the outskirts of the small town of
Clinfold. It was proved that Fenthurst
was in the habit of frequenting Ren-
frew's premises and that apparently he
was expected there on the evening in
question. He was seen near the place
soon after the crime was committed,
and several other proofs of a strongly
condemnatory character were also laid
against him. He has persisted from the
first, however, in maintaining that he
was absent from Clinfold at the very
time the murder took place. This was
about 7 o'clock in the evening. At that
hour, he says, he was returning from
London, where he had been spending
part of the day. Only one witness, he
says, could prove this, and that is an
individual who traveled with him as far
as P— and entered into conversa-
tion with him. Advertisements have
been inserted in all the papers by Fent-
hurst's legal advisers for the purpose of
discovering the individual in question,
but as no answer has been forthcoming
it is generally believed that the whole
story is a myth. At any rate, there
seems but small chance of the alibi be-
ing proved at the last moment. The
murder was committed on Feb. 6. Since
his condemnation the murderer has been
confined in Silkminter jail, where the
execution will take place."

Astonishment and dismay confronted
me as I laid the paper down. I was the
missing witness they had so vainly
sought. I distinctly remembered, early
in February, running up to town rather
late in the afternoon, spending just half
an hour there, and returning by the first
train I could catch. My landlady didn't
even know but that I had been for a
longer walk than usual. I had entered
into conversation on the return journey
with the only other occupant of my
compartment, a young man with a small
black bag, on which were painted the
letters "C. F." I remembered all this
distinctly. In order to make sure I
snatched up my diary and quickly
turned to the date of the murder, Feb.
6. There was the entry: "Ran up to
town in afternoon. Inquired concerning
material for chapter 7. Saw B— for
half hour. Returned by 6:42 train."

The horror of the situation now
flashed upon me. A man's life—the
life of my old friend's son—depended
upon me. I looked at my watch. It
was just 11 o'clock. Hurriedly I dragged
on my boots, thinking the while what
should do. My first impulse was to rush
to the telegraph office. Then, with dis-
may, I remembered that it was shut for
the night after 8 o'clock and that the
postmaster took the 8:30 train to the
large town of P—, about five miles
off, where he lived, leaving the office
for the night in the charge of a care-
taker and returning by an early train
the next morning.

It was impossible to telegraph. Then
I thought of going to the police (there
were just two constables and a sergeant
in our little town), but what could they
do more than P. Country police are pre-
judicial for the leisurely "routine" man-
ner in which they set about an inquiry,
and it would never do to trust to them.
I was in despair.

Madly I threw on my hat and rushed
out. I ran in a mechanical way to the
postoffice. Of course it was shut, and
if I had aroused the caretaker he could
not have aided. Besides, all our wires
went first to P—, and as I have said,
all communication was shut off after 8
o'clock. Then I started for the railway
station. This was about half a mile
from the postoffice and well outside the
town. As I hurried along I thought,

with fresh dismay, that this would also
prove a fruitless errand, for the last
train to Silkminter was the 8:30 p. m.,
by which I have mentioned, the post-
by which I have mentioned, the post-
master always traveled. Silkminter, I
must mention, was nearly 150 miles
down the line.

Should I wait till the morning and
telegraph? I remembered that the office
did not open till 8 o'clock. I had by
this time reached the station. Of
course it was all shut up, and all the
lights were out except those in the sig-
nal lamps for the night express. It
was now past half past 11. Was there
no hope?

At this moment my eye caught a
light in the signal box, about a quarter
of a mile up the line. I could see the
signalman in his box, the outline of his
figure standing out against the light
within. I looked at my watch. The
down express from London was almost
due. I would make a rush for that sig-
nal box and compel the occupant to put
the signal against it and stop it. It was
a desperate game, but only got that train
to stop for an instant and all would be
right. By getting into it I could reach
Silkminter in the early morning, and
what cared I for my action the com-
pany might take if I saved my friend's
son? If the signalman refused to put
back the levers the strength born of
desperation would enable me to master
him and then relax them myself. All
this flashed across me in an instant, and
I clambered over the railings on the side
of the station and found myself on the
line.

Even as I reached the rails a sema-
phore signal that was near me let fall
its arm, and the red light was changed
into a brilliant green. The express was
signaled! Would there be time! I dashed
along over the rough sleepers toward the
signal box. It was very dark, and I
stumbled over a sleeper. I had
cleared half the distance when I heard
the ominous roar ahead, and in a few
seconds could distinguish the distant
glitter of the engine's head lamp bear-
ing toward me. The train was just over
a mile from me, rushing on at express
speed. With a groan I ejaculated, "Too
late!"

At that instant my eye fell upon a
ghastly looking structure by the side of
the track, looming grimly through the
darkness. It resembled a one armed
gallows with a man hanging from it! For
a moment I thought it must have been
a fearful fancy conjured up by the
thought of Fenthurst's dreadful fate,
but immediately I remembered that this
strange looking apparition was none
other than a mailbag suspended from a
post—in fact, part of the apparatus by
which a train going at full speed picks
up the mails. The express train that
was coming had a postal car attached to
it. From the side of the car a strong
rope net would be laid out, catching the
bag I was suspended before me.

A mad and desperate idea took pos-
session of me. Fortunately I am a small
man. The bag hung just over my head.
I jumped at it, seized it, drew myself
up parallel with it, held it firmly at the
top, where it swung by a hook, and
drew my legs up so as to present as
small a compass as possible. Then I
waited. It was but a few seconds, but
it seemed hours. I heard the roar of the
approaching train. Then the engine
dashed past me. There was a whirr and
a rush, and all was dark.

When I came to my senses I was ly-
ing on the floor of the postal van. Two
men in their shirt sleeves were busily
engaged in sorting letters at a rack. I
felt bruised and stiff all over, and I
found that my left arm was broken and in
a sling made out of a handkerchief.

"Where are we?" I asked.
They turned around.
"Oh, you've come to, have you?" said
one of them. "Now perhaps you'll give
an account of yourself. It's precious
lucky you're here at all, let me tell
you. For if you had been a bit taller man
we should only have got part of you in
the net. As it is, you've got your col-
lar bone broken. We've tied it up a
bit."

I told them the motive that had
prompted me to take the desperate step
I had done. They piled a quantity of
empty mailbags on the floor and made
me a rough stretcher.

A little after 8 we drew up at Silk-
minster station. There was a policeman
on the platform, and I at once told my
story to him, the result being that we
drove round to the jail and insisted
upon seeing the governor. Of course he
was deeply interested in what I had to
tell him, and at once made arrange-
ments to stop the execution. The home
secretary was communicated with by
means of special wire. Fortunately he
happened to be in town, and after a
couple of hours of anxious suspense a
reprieve was received from him.

"Well," said the governor, "I don't
know which I ought to congratulate
most, Mr. Fenthurst or yourself, for you
have both had a most narrow escape."
Little remains to be told. I soon
identified the condemned man as the
person whom I had met in the train.
He also turned out to be the son of my
old friend, as I had fully expected.
After the due formalities he was dis-
charged. Suspicion having strongly at-
tached itself to his name, however, he
was very miserable, until about a fortnight
afterward the real murderer was
discovered and captured. Charles Fent-
hurst and myself became firm friends,
and although I was fearfully shaken
and upset for some weeks after this ad-
venture I never regretted the night on
which I was picked up with the mails.
—Strand Magazine.

How It Happened.

Aunt Mary—But, tell me, how did
you happen to marry him?
Bertha—Why, you see, everything
was ready. He had asked me to have
him and I had consented. He had pro-
ceeded the license and engaged the
clergyman, and I had sent out cards
and ordered the cake. So, you see, we
thought we might as well go through
with it. There isn't—that is the rea-
son, as near as I can remember it—
Boston Transcript.

Life In Great Cities.

And as to the tendency of the growth
of great cities to enervate nations, there
is no proof of it at all unless we iden-
tify the life of great cities with the pas-
sion for idleness and pleasure and self
indulgence, which sometimes, but by
no means universally, accompanies their
growth. When you get a large prole-
tariat living, as that of ancient Rome
and possibly of Nineveh and Babylon
did, on the alms of the rich and power-
ful, then no doubt you have the condi-
tion of a thoroughly unnatural and un-
healthy life, and no one can wonder at
the rapid decay of such cities and of
the nations which gloried in them. But
where the honest working class far out-
numbers the proletriat, where the mid-
dle classes of distributors and manufac-
turers and professional men are labo-
rious and energetic, and even the class
that lives on its accumulated wealth
contains a considerable sprinkling of
serious and disinterested workers, we
do not believe that there is the smallest
evidence of any greater danger in the
life of the agricultural village or the
pastoral tribe. Indeed, we should regard
Oliver Schreiner's picture of the life of
the modern Boers as indicating a con-
dition of things more prolific of morbid
elements, with its almost complete ab-
sence of any stirring or active intelli-
gence, than any kind of modern life
that is honestly laborious at all. The
Boer life is too sleepy, too destitute of
stirring thought or effort, to be alto-
gether natural. It needs at least the old
element of danger and necessary vigil-
ance to render it even bracing.—Lon-
don Spectator.

Contributors to Magazines.

One contributor states that he is a
"gentleman" wishing to go abroad on a
historical and antiquarian tour
through Normandy, the only difficulty
being that he has not sufficient means
to accomplish his object. He therefore
requests my father to send him £12 at
once, and he, the writer, will immedi-
ately start and contribute gratuitously,
he says, to The Cornhill an account of
his journey. He trusts that if my father
cannot do this he will make some other
arrangement. The contributor thinks of
going by Rouen, Caen, Bayeux, St. Mi-
chel and returning by Tours and Or-
leans. "You will perceive," he says,
"that this is an original tour and con-
tains many interesting points."

"Honored and admired sir," writes
another in Johnsenian language, from
the depths of the country, "in the writ-
er of this letter you would behold the
unlucky, unfortunate and unworthy
contributor of some poetical subjects to
your influential and extensive Cornhill
Magazine. Indeed, I have but received
a day or two ago such a piece returned.
I now try my hand at prose and send
you a paper for the May number of the
magazine." (The letter is dated March
27, and the editor and printers would
have to bestir themselves.) "If the
manuscript is returned," says the au-
thor, "I will send the postage necessary.
May such a contingency be far off!"—
Cornhill Magazine.

Neighbors Only.

A car was going through the Lasalle
street tunnel, says the Chicago Tribune,
when the conductor began to collect the
fares. About half way down the car sat
a prim, elderly woman. Beside her was
a curly headed boy, with a mischievous
expression in his blue eyes. The woman
paid her fare. The conductor hesitated.
"That boy's over age, madam," he
said.

"What do you mean?" she asked.
"He's over 5 years old."
"Why, I guess he is," she said, turn-
ing around and looking at him. The
boy laughed.
"And he takes up a seat the same as
bigger folks," the conductor went on.
"So he does," replied the lady.
"Madam, you'll have to pay his
fare."
"I don't see why," indignantly.
"He's your boy, and—"
The small boy could no longer re-
strain himself.

"I don't belong to her," he said,
laughing, and he gave the conductor
his nickel, but the woman somehow
didn't seem to enjoy the mistake.

A Ring Out of a Single Diamond.

A ring exhibited at the Antwerp ex-
hibition was the admiration of diamond
enthusiasts, being the first
successful attempt to cut a ring out of a
single stone. There are a great many
difficulties in this method of cutting
diamonds, as the stones have a certain
cleavage and particular veins, all of
which have to be carefully studied in
order to prevent splitting just as suc-
cess seems within reach. After several
unsuccessful attempts and three years'
labor the feat has been accomplished by
the patience and skill of M. Antoine,
one of the best known lapidaries of
Antwerp. The ring is about six-eighths
of an inch in diameter. In the Marlbor-
ough cabinet there is a ring cut out of
one entire and perfect sapphire.—Ed-
mund Russell.

A Sharp Little Girl.

A poorly clad little village girl went
into a stationer's shop the other day.
She wished to buy some writing paper
and finally was shown some at 15 cents
a quire.

"How much will half a quire be?"
she inquired in a plaintive little voice.
"Ten cents," replied the assistant.
"If you please, I'll take the other
half."—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Cold Shoulder.

"To give the cold shoulder" is said
to have originated in a practice once
common in France, and during Norman
days in England also. When a guest
had outstaid his welcome, instead of the
haunch of mutton or venison usually
served at dinner, a cold shoulder of
mutton was placed before him as a hint
that he had better go.

The first American college was Har-
vard, which was opened to receive stu-
dents in 1638, at Newton, Mass., now
called Cambridge.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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H. H. GRANICE - EDITOR.

FIRE AND WATER.

THE recent attempt to burn our city, or at least a good share of its business portion, has startled the good citizens into a sense of their utter helplessness in the face of fire. If the flame had not been discovered in its feeble beginning there is no doubt that all of the buildings, save possibly the Bank, in the principal business block of the town would have been utterly destroyed, for the present water service is inadequate to cope with any species of fire that approaches the dignity of a conflagration. While we are congratulating ourselves on the lucky escape and are heaping the execrations of a justly incensed community on the despicable thing who attempted the guilty deed, we must not forget that on another occasion there may be no one at hand with a bucket and water. Then we shall be obliged to fight, and quantity will be the determining factor. Realizing this fact, the Board of Trustees some time ago appointed a committee of three to look into the matter of water supply. This committee has full power to act in all matters preliminary to the popular decision. We understand that the committee are working carefully and surely. The city may depend upon them to submit no plan that will be impracticable or unnecessarily expensive. In the mean time the citizens should bestir themselves and continue to do so, for an improved water service is certainly needed by this city, and its people should own it.

We need more water to protect life and property. More water to beautify our gardens. More water to render our streets endurable. It would seem that these are self-evident propositions, but they appear not to be so to some we know of in this town. Therefore, those interested in the growth and comfort and safety of Sonoma and its environments will have to do more missionary work, or to borrow from the recent election we must "conduct a campaign of education."

Even though the service of a new water system should cost a little more than the present supply it is justified by the increase of safety and comfort which it will afford. Besides this, if the streets of this city were well kept, neatly sprinkled and more shade trees planted along the streets, and if the gardens were green instead of brown, the returns would be substantial, for people from the metropolis and elsewhere would come here to spend their summers.

Now, no more delightful valley can be found in this State than our beautiful Sonoma. People are beginning to appreciate this fact and if a little more effort is made to render property safe and beautify our town there is no doubt but that we will reap our reward.

By all means let all favor an improved water system.

Money in the County Treasury.

Examiners J. W. Hall, A. J. Atchinson and District Attorney Seawell counted the money in the treasury Tuesday. Following is the financial statement for the month of November: Balance on hand October 31st, \$96,034.81; receipts for month of November, \$23,929.10; total, \$119,963.92; disbursements for November, \$33,277.96; balance on hand November 30th, \$86,685.95. The actual amount of money found by the Board of examiners was \$86,685.95. A surplus in the treasury of 37 cents.

The Eagle Hotel, Santa Rosa, gives special rates to families, jurors and persons attending court. See ad.

Ladies' embroidered handkerchiefs at Duhring's.

Nothing marked up at Duhring's.

At the Eagle Hotel, Santa Rosa, the citizens of Sonoma Valley will find good accommodations at reasonable rates. See ad.

Don't buy before examining Duhring's holiday stock.

Sterling silver and plated ware at Duhring's.

Glassware at Duhring's.

THE GRAND JURY.

It Completes Its Labors—Some Sensible Recommendations.

The Treasurer's office was found to be in good condition, but it was recommended that the iron railing or grating be extended to the ceiling as a precautionary measure.

The County Clerk was commended for his general executive ability, and was complimented on the management of his office, and upon the general appearance of the same. Under the advice of the District Attorney it was recommended that one or two indexes be procured, and also that money paid under protest be at once turned into the treasury.

The affairs of the Recorder was found to be in good shape. It was recommended that book No. 11 and 12 of deeds be re-copied, and that the work be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and the Recorder was recommended to keep an accurate account of all fees paid into the office.

The Sheriff and Tax Collector was found to have regularly paid into the treasury all moneys due the same. It was recommended that ordinance No. 36, relating to liquor licenses, be strictly enforced, and the Sheriff give said ordinance particular attention. It was also suggested that the window of the room formerly used as a jail be changed to a door.

In the Assessor's office everything was found to be in good order, and the attention of the Grand Jury being called to certain inaccuracies in the county maps, a committee was appointed to investigate the matter. This committee reported that many errors had occurred in the compilation of said maps, and it was recommended that a competent person be employed to correct the same. The committee further endorsed the report made by a committee from the Board of Supervisors some time ago, in reference to keeping up the transfers on the maps lest they become obsolete. The committee further recommended that the Board of Supervisors take prompt and favorable action upon the above matter upon assembling on the first Monday in December.

The County Hospital and Farm were found to be in a highly creditable condition in every department, and the management of both the hospital and farm are warmly commended. It was shown that about \$1,100 was realized from the products of the farm during the past year. It was recommended that one of the engines on the farm be used to pump water from the stream at the foot of the hill to tanks, to be erected at an elevation, so that some precaution might be taken in case of fire, and also that hose and hydrants be placed in convenient places and the inmates, as far as possible, be instructed on some system of fire drill. Also that a steam washer be purchased for the laundry, and that several of the floors in the hospital wards be repaired.

It was recommended that the County Superintendent of Public Schools be instructed to procure a book suitable for the purpose and have the teacher of every school visited therein as to the time of said visit. The office was found to be in good order.

The County Auditor was commended for the creditable condition of affairs in his office and it was earnestly recommended that the consolidated offices of Recorder and Auditor be segregated because the duties of this office have grown to such large proportions and because the office of the Auditor should be in the same building as all the other offices. It was the opinion of the Grand Jury that this can be done without additional cost to the county, as the Supervisors are recommended to segregate the offices by ordinance and to recommend to the incoming Legislature that an adjustment of the salary now paid to the consolidated offices be equitably made; that the change be accomplished by the first Monday in January, 1897. Also that at the general election to be held in November, 1898, separate candidates be voted for in the respective offices and furthermore that Horticultural Hall be fitted up for the office of County Auditor.

It was recommended that the county officers be required to issue requisitions upon the Board of Supervisors for stationery and supplies, and the payment of certain bills was criticised, and the Board of Supervisors was recommended to establish a complete price list of books, stationery and advertising as needed by the various county officials.

The necessity of a ladies' toilet room in the court house was noticed, and its provision recommended, and also additional safeguards in the county jail. It was also recommended that no county official or deputy hereafter act as a notary public.

Eight complaints were taken under consideration during the session, of which four were dismissed, and in four true bills were found as follows: One for obtaining money under false pretenses, one for incest, and two for embezzlement.

COUNTY CLEANNINGS.

The City Trustees of Healdsburg will call an election for January 4th to decide the question of bonding the town for \$25,000 to build a new school house.

The Supervisors-elect have been attending the meetings of the Board the past week in order to familiarize themselves with the duties upon which they will soon enter.

Invitation cards have been issued for the wedding of Miss Florence Isabel Juilliard and Mark L. McDonald Jr., to take place at the Presbyterian church, Santa Rosa, December 16th.

F. Albertz, the well-known wine-grower of this county, turned over to Landsberger & Son, last Tuesday, 307,000 gallons of red wine, 14,000 gallons of white, 60,000 gallons of sherry, 4,000 gallons of Port, 6,000 gallons of Angelica, and 3,000 gallons of syrup.

John F. Meagher has opened a cigar store in Santa Rosa. He was prominent in the celebrated Bryan murder case in Petaluma that occupied the attention of the public several years ago. Meagher's blind wife was foully assassinated and he was also shot and left for dead by the assassin, who was never apprehended.

Master Thomas Conklin, a boy of seventeen and who confessed to having lived all his life on a ranch, called at the County Clerk's office, Santa Rosa, Tuesday morning and asked for a permit to wed Miss Beulah Howard, also aged seventeen years. The young people reside at Sea View, in this county. As both were under age the permission of the parents of both accompanied the application of the youth, and so he went on his way rejoicing armed with the legal document which authorized the performance of the happy event.—Santa Rosa Press.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

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The One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5. Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills and Sick Headache. 25 cents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Assignee's Sale.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN AND FOR the county of Sonoma, State of California. In the matter of Pietro Cheda, an insolvent debtor.

Pursuant to an order of the Court, made in the above entitled matter, I shall sell

AT PUBLIC AUCTION

to the highest bidder for cash in U. S. Gold Coin at the Cheda ranch, situated near the Petaluma road in Sonoma Township, county and state aforesaid, on

Saturday, December 28th, 1896,

commencing at 11 A. M. of said day, all of the property, both real and personal, hitherto the property of said insolvent and now belonging to his estate in my hands, viz:

1. All of the right, title, interest and estate of said insolvent, now vested in me as assignee, to the premises on which the sale will be held, consisting of about 1200 acres of land and improvements, and subject to a mortgage of \$15,000 and interest, and said insolvent's homestead therein.
2. 105 milch cows.
3. 8 horses.
4. 19 yearling calves.
5. 1 boar.
6. 2 bulls.
7. 100 tons, more or less, of hay.
8. 1 hay rack.
9. 1 cheese sweater.
10. 1 cheese table.
11. 3 cow bells.
12. 1 stallion harness.
13. 2 sets double harness.
14. 1 platform scale.
15. 200 feet pine boards, 1x10.
16. 1 wine fermenting tank.
17. 1 Petaluma cart and harness.
18. 1 wagon and many other articles.

Full particulars can be obtained by applying to the undersigned.

A. BULOTTI,

Assignee of Pietro Cheda, an insolvent debtor.

Dated at Sonoma, Dec. 30, 1896.

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We have concluded to close out our stock of Ladies' Shoes, and if we can fit you you can buy these shoes at less than whole-sale cost.

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Have you seen the new Crucible Ware for cooking purposes. Finest thing on earth for cooking fruit, etc. Cannot burn. retains heat. Ask to see it.

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Having determined to make an unusual effort to increase our already large Holiday business we will place on sale this season a larger assortment of

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Citizens of Sonoma!

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Which he is offering at San Francisco prices. He will Not be Undersold by any on this Coast. It will pay you to Investigate.

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All direct from manufacturers and sold at 50 per cent. less than city prices.

Solid Oak Bedroom Sets.....\$12.50
New Style Bed Lounges A 1.....\$4.00
Solid Oak Extension Tables.....\$4.00
Elegant Writing Desks.....\$1.00

MURPHY, Petaluma.

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SONOMA, DECEMBER 12, 1896.

CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

A Gentle Reminder.

Dr. A. E. Osborne, Superintendent of the Home for Feeble Minded Children, has issued a circular letter to the charitably inclined people of this State. The Dr. among other things says:

"The blessed festival is fast approaching, and already the heart-beats of the civilized world are quickening with the fervid impulses imparted by the Christ Child so many years ago. The influence of the season dawning upon us, bringing peace, good will and cheer to the world, has found its way into the innermost wards of the Home, where over 400 unfortunate children from all parts of the State are gathered to receive such mental light and such physical care and training, as they are capable of, and those in charge of them are able to impart. This influence is betrayed by the brightening glances, the eager questionings, the pleasant exchanges of confidence, and the innocent confessions of childish anticipations, in those who, because of their infirmities, are doomed to live apart from the world, and are thus denied home comforts and pleasures. Although different from other children, they are like them in this: What Christmas means to a child! This is to remind you that our boys and girls are aglow with the promptings of a common humanity, and are looking forward to a glorious holiday. Their gratifications will depend upon the generosity, as we have no outside of voluntary contributions to divert to this end. If you aid us in providing for them? Any contribution, however small, will be welcome, and the more sincerely appreciated. Ours is a large family with a wide diversity of wants, and I doubt if anything will come amiss, although money is most valuable as it permits us to procure for the different sorts such things as their infirmities or conditions require."

Insane.

At Fisher, residing with his son on Spain street, a native of New York and aged about 28 years, taken to Santa Rosa last Wednesday by City Marshal Robin, he was examined on the ground of being insane and committed to the Napa Asylum. The young man was sent to the institution eight years after a short time was diagnosed as cured. His mania is that of homicide and his relatives have been in constant fear of their lives the past few months, and it was at their request that he was committed.

The Native Sons.

Sonoma Parlor, No. 111, N. S. G. W., elected the following officers on Monday evening last to serve for the ensuing term: Past President, Fred T. Duhring; President, Louis H. Green; First Vice President, J. E. Poppe; Second Vice President, Geo. Engler; Third Vice President, John R. Cooper; Secretary, Geo. Breitenbach; Marshal, O. W. Gericke; Trustee, Fred T. Duhring.

Sudden Death.

Batiste Maddona, a well-known Swiss resident of Glen Ellen, died at Santa Rosa last Sunday. He was en route to the County Hospital and upon his arrival in the latter place went to an Italian hotel near the Donahue depot and had some one go after County Physician Shearer. While awaiting the doctor's visit he died. He was a native of Switzerland and was buried at the County Farm Monday.

Dislocated His Knee.

Wm. Kearney, one day last week, dislocated his right knee. Walliser was called in and effected the dislocation and his patient will soon be able to be up and around again. This is the third time that the same knee has been knocked out of joint.

Books and stationery at Duhring's.

Fruit Growers Attention.

Parties having dried fruit of any kind, in small or large quantities, to sell will consult their interests by calling upon or addressing John Batto & Son, Vineyard Station, Sonoma county.

Toys and notions at Duhring's. Fancy crockery at Duhring's. Framed pictures at Duhring's.

Holiday goods at Duhring's.

FIRE FIEND ABROAD.

DASTARDLY ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE TOWN.

The People of Sonoma Aroused—A Rope and a Short Shift for the Culprit Should He be Apprehended.

On Thursday morning last at an early hour a dastardly attempt was made to burn the principal business block in Sonoma. That the attempt was a failure was simply marvelous. The incendiary went about his work in a methodical manner and it was no fault of his that he did not succeed in his dastardly undertaking. All that saved the principal part of town from going up in flame and smoke was that the fire burned too slow and was discovered and extinguished before it had gained much headway.

The people of Sonoma are aroused over this latest attempt to lay their town in ashes and should the incendiary be discovered the county will be saved the expense of a public trial. He will be given a rope and a short shift.

On the morning in question between five and six o'clock, it still being quite dark, Max Fessler, an employee of Henry Hartin, proprietor of the Central Market, when he went to open up the shop as was his wont, discovered the rear part of the premises in flames. The fire, although it had almost reached the roof, was burning slowly and he succeeded in putting it out with the aid of a bucket and water which were conveniently at hand.

As soon as Fessler had succeeded in putting out the fire a number of people arrived on the scene and an examination was made to discover its origin. It only took a glance to convince any one that a diabolical plot had been frustrated to burn the town.

The spot chosen was the center of the most combustible portion of Sonoma. On each side of the butcher shop, which is located in the center of the block, are frame structures, while in the rear of the buildings, some eight in number, are numerous woodsheds, chicken houses, barns and outbuildings of every description, all of which are veritable tinder boxes. The only fire-proof structure in the block is that of the Sonoma Valley Bank, which is located on the corner of Napa and Broadway streets.

The incendiary as evidence of his crime left behind a bottle partially filled with coal oil and a number of matches. He had evidently stacked up some rubbish alongside one corner of the building and then poured coal oil over it. He then set fire to the combustible material and made good his escape. That the whole block was not a mass of flames within fifteen minutes after the incendiary had applied his torch is short of the marvelous.

A damp fog, the absence of a breeze, the hasty flight of the incendiary and the timely arrival of Max Fessler all that saved the town from a most disastrous conflagration. The business houses in the block that were in peril are as follows: F. Grothaus, saloon; D. M. Eschbach, jewelry; G. H. Hotz, dry goods merchant; Henry Hartin, meat market; Geo. Breitenbach, saddlery; Jas. Ruffner, stationery and M. Muldry, saloon. In addition to these a number of other buildings were equally in jeopardy on Broadway as follows: Sonoma Valley Bank, S. Schweinhart, bakery; G. W. Clark, shoemaker and Marcy & Dunbar, dealers in hardware. We venture to say that had the fire got under headway everyone of the above would have been burned out.

Taking it all in all it was one of the narrowest escapes Sonoma has ever had from a disastrous conflagration.

Salary of Supervisors.

It is often asked what is the salary of a member of the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma county. The following figures will answer the question, as they show the aggregate amount drawn by each county Supervisor for his personal services for the eleven months ending November 30th, 1896, as follows:

Supervisor Hall	\$624
Supervisor Thompson	576
Supervisor Gray	684
Supervisor Hayden	636
Supervisor Joost	738

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SCHELLVILLE SIFTINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ohm were in Sonoma one day this week.

Capt. Hauto of the schooner Four Sisters visited Sonoma yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart and Mrs. Robt. Howe are visiting relatives in San Francisco.

Canvas back duck are reported by hunters to be very plentiful in the vicinity of Tabbs' Island.

A number of our society people will attend the ball masq. e of the High School Dancing Club in Sonoma this evening.

Mrs. Capt. Green of Embarcadero, who slipped and fell and broke her wrist a couple of weeks ago, is doing well under the care of Dr. Walliser.

Miss Mattie Goodman and Mrs. Chas. Ohm visited Sonoma last Tuesday evening to hear the Rev. Gale deliver a sermon at the M. E. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Merriam of this place have presented to the Methodist Church of Sonoma a costly altar chair, which was placed inside the church last Monday.

Robt. Hall and Editor Gracie passed through this place on Tuesday last en route to the duck shooting grounds near Sears' Point. It is singular how all the great men of the country go duck hunting these days.

D. D. Davison of Sonoma spent several days on the Jones ranch this week. During his stay he went duck shooting and succeeded in firing twenty shots and bagging one out little teal duck. Daniel, take Trilby's advice and confine yourself to blackbirds.

Mont. Akers, Postmaster at this place, notwithstanding the defeat of Bryan, is as jovial as ever. If he is worried out of the fear of being bounced out of office by the incoming Republican administration he does not show it on that smiling countenance of his. Now, if Mont. Akers, Postmaster at this place, she wouldn't do anything to oust him from his position for all the old Postoffices in the country. So there, now.

TRILBY.
Schellville, Dec. 11, 1896.

Handsome rocking chairs at Duhring's.

GLEN ELLEN ITEMS.

Several marriages will take place here before the New Year.

G. D. Labell, our shoemaker, intends opening a shop at Petaluma. M. F. Turley transacted business at the County Seat one day this week.

Dr. C. C. O'Donnell was up from San Francisco last week for a few days.

The little son of Ed. Ferguson fractured his arm last Monday while at play.

Baptiste Madonna, an old resident of this place, died at Santa Rosa last Sunday evening.

J. W. Gibson has received a carload of new furniture for his cozy little cottage on Stanton street.

The usual Christmas festivities will be observed this year at the Home for Feeble Minded Children.

The public school will close tomorrow and the children are preparing for an entertainment on that day.

F. Schieck, who is ailing somewhat with la grippe, came up from Vallejo last Tuesday and is spending a few days with his parents.

REMINENTON,
Glen Ellen, Dec. 10, 1896.

Gil Hall Re-Indicted.

A second indictment was returned against Gil P. Hall on Friday of last week, after the INDEX-TRIBUNE went to press. It will be recollected that the first indictment was quashed. The amount charged to have been embezzled in the latter indictment is \$34.15. The accused immediately gave bonds in the sum of \$1,000 with Mark L. McDonald and W. E. Healey as sureties. The case is a very peculiar one. Gil P. Hall, when he was elected to the office of County Recorder four years ago was idolized by the people of Petaluma as an honest and capable man. He served his term out and apparently had made one of the best Records Sonoma county ever had. Shortly after retiring from office, and he was not a candidate for re-election, a Grand Jury found, through an expert accountant, that he was short in his accounts with the county and a civil suit was instituted against him to recover the shortage, amounting to over \$5,000. This suit is still pending. Hall claims that he has done the square thing by Sonoma county and that the head and front of his offending is a clerical error. The accused is being ably defended by John P. Rogers of Petaluma.

Calendars at Duhring's.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

And Other Matters of Interest to the General Reader.

(Contributed by Marjorie Dow.)

Items of a personal and social nature are thankfully received at this office and will be edited by Marjorie Dow.

Ed. Wegner returned from San Francisco Tuesday, where he purchased new goods for the holidays. Give him a call when in need of anything first-class.

B. P. Norris, Sonoma's builder and contractor, made a short business trip to the metropolis last Tuesday.

L. Litzius returned Monday from the metropolis. Mr. Litzius is quite busy repairing and upholstering furniture.

Mrs. McMullen of Schellville spent the day last Tuesday with her mother Mrs. Bates.

Don't let your special worries disturb the blessed influences of the Christmas season. Life is like the weather; it cannot be relied upon for continued sunshine, especially in this climate, but we need not, and ought not, cloud the happiness of others by spreading broadcast, possibly, imaginary troubles and anxieties of our own. Seeds multiply, whether of joy or sorrow—let us plant joy, especially at this loving and forgiving Christmas time.

Vernon Goodwin and Miss Rena Edwards led the German at the dance given by the Cotillion Club in Santa Rosa Friday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowan of Glen Ellen were in town last Sunday.

Miss Claire Hope sang in Santa Rosa Friday evening of last week. She was accorded a hearty reception and encore.

Mrs. Wm. Burris and Miss Annie Barnard visited Petaluma last week.

The Ideal sewing machine free to all who send in to this office by January 1st, 1897, three new subscribers to the INDEX-TRIBUNE. In learning to sew on this machine no trouble will be experienced as it runs light and smooth and full directions come with every machine. In make it is similar to the well-known Wilcox & Gibbs.

Pressy Smith, for the past year a clerk in G. H. Hotz's dry goods store, resigned his position and left for San Francisco last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Gaines attended to legal business at the County Seat one day this week.

We acknowledge with thanks an invitation from Mr. Charles Herbert Lowell, one of the graduates, to attend the commencement exercises of the Cooper Medical College, which were held last Tuesday evening in San Francisco. The young M. D. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lowell of this valley and for many years attended the public schools of Sonoma. His many friends in this valley will be pleased to learn that young Lowell passed an exceptionally creditable examination.

Miss Emma Johannsen entertained Miss Thompson, Miss Lowell and Miss Elizabeth Rainey at a tea Saturday afternoon, given in honor of Lieut. De Otte, U. S. S. Corwin.

Gladys Small has been very ill the past week at her parents' home.

Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple has remarkably efficacious medicinal properties. It is an excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. It helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculous growths while it relieves indigestion and is one of the best known preventives for diseases of the throat. No harm can come to even a delicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples before retiring for the night.

A Welcome Usher of '97.

The beginning of the new year will have a welcome usher in the shape of a fresh Almanac, descriptive of the origin, nature and uses of the national tonic and alternative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Combined with the descriptive matter will be found calendar and astronomical calculations absolutely reliable for correctness, statistics, illustrations, verses carefully selected, and other mental food highly profitable and entertaining. On this pamphlet, published and printed annually by The Hostetter Company, of Pittsburgh, 60 hands are employed in the mechanical department alone. Eleven months are devoted to its preparation. It is procurable free of charge and country dealers everywhere, and is printed in English, German, French, Spanish, Welsh, Norwegian, Holland, Swedish and Bohemian.

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Cor. Main and B Sts. PETALUMA, CAL.

Capt. R. J. Corbet of the sloop Norma, First Mate George Phillips and Billy Myers, the hunter of the expedition, returned yesterday from a two week's cruise on the shores of San Pablo Bay and the Sacramento river. The boys report having a mighty good time. They bagged over 150 ducks and 10 geese. During the cruise Capt. Corbet, aside from navigating the craft and, acting as his own pilot was chief cook of the expedition.

Christmas and New Years cards at Duhring's.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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Plants That Spread Quickly.

The dandelion is an old world flower, not native in America, save far to the north and on some of the highest of our western mountains. But somehow it was brought here, perhaps from England, in old colonial times. Now we see its golden heads and feathery balls at every grassy roadside, the "clocks" the boys and girls blow to tell the hour. A few years ago farmers in the northwest found a new weed, a vile, prickly weed, in their wheatfields. In a very short time this weed, the Russian thistle, has spread over wide acres of the best farm land in that part of the country and has done great injury to the crops.

How do these plants spread so fast and so far? They are not carried about and planted. No one would be so foolish as to sow Russian thistles. The mother plant must have ways of her own for sending her offspring abroad into the world. Plants propagate themselves in two ways, from seed or from buds. Sometimes these buds are borne on slender runners. A strawberry plant, after it has blossomed, begins to send out such runners, with buds, unfolding tufts of leaves, along them. These tufts are at first connected with the parent plant, but later the runners between break away, and each tuft becomes a new plant. Many grasses, like Bermuda grass and the troublesome quick or couch grass, have creeping stems, each joint sending out a bunch of roots below and bud on the upper side. If you try to hoe up such grasses, you only make matters worse, for each joint when cut off is ready to form an independent plant. Such grasses spread very fast and soon take possession of the land they get into.—Thomas H. Kearney, Jr., in St. Nicholas.

Another on the List.

"Hello, Stinson, what's all that whistling about? Not trying to raise the wind, are you?"

"No," said Stinson, unpuckering his mouth from a violent effort to produce "Benny Havens, Oh." "I am merely reviving old melodies."

"But I never before even suspected you of being musical," and his friend looked anxious.

"Oh, I say, hang it, can't a fellow whistle without being called to task about it?"

"Not when whistling is so seldom heard that it is in danger of becoming one of the lost arts."

"Well, I must own up, I see. I am not whistling for amusement, nor for the music that's in it, I am whistling for my health."

"Your health? Nonsense!"

"There's no nonsense about it. Look at my chest. It has increased two inches in girth since I began to whistle. The exercise has done it. I have expanded the muscles, and the pull on the ribs has strengthened them, and my general health is benefited. You see, I have employed a new method of compressed air treatment."

"You mean that you have added one more to the list of cranks."

"Nothing of the kind. But I have given the idiots who are always asking fool questions one more question for their repertories. S'long." — Detroit Free Press.

An Actor's Stories.

Mr. Morrison recounted two anecdotes in his experiences in playing Faust. At one place the trapdoor through which he disappears in the fifth act refused to work, and, to use his expression, "his plume stood erect."

"Can't you open it?" he asked in an excited tone.

There was an awful pause for a moment, when away in the gallery somebody sung out:

"Holy Moses, hell's full!"

At another time, while breakfasting at a hotel, he noticed that the colored waiter who brought him his meal kept staring at him. He told the waiter that he might go. "When I need you," he added, "I will send for you."

"Need me?" exclaimed the waiter in evident recollection of Mephisto. "Say, Mr. Morrison, I went to your show last night."

"And how did you like it?"

"Like it! Say, Mr. Morrison, that last scene was awful. But one thing consoled me, I couldn't see any nigger in hell!" — New York Letter.

Holmes and Kerr.

Of the many anecdotes illustrating the genial humor and prodigious memory of Oliver Wendell Holmes, the following was related by one of the poet's classmates, John Bozman Kerr of Maryland.

Mr. Kerr was as aristocratic in his notions as Holmes himself, and was so unusually particular about the spelling of his name that it became a laughing matter with the students. Twenty years after the class had graduated Mr. Kerr had occasion to visit Boston, and while there called upon his old classmate, then grown famous. When Mr. Kerr was ushered into Holmes' study, the poet hurried forward, and, seizing his old friend with both hands, cried heartily, "Welcome to Boston, J-o-h-n B-o-z-m-a-n K-e-r-r," as fast as he could spell it.—Washington Post.

His Only Joke.

John Anthony, who lives in law libraries between the covers of an old calf-skin treatise labeled "Anthony's Nisi Prius," was a gentleman of solemn visage, solemn mien and solemn address while at the bar. But he was known in a moment of impatience to be once funny. Opposed to a lawyer named Edmund J. Porter, he began his address to the jury by saying, "Now, gentlemen, I shall ask your aid to bottle up Porter," who quickly responded, "If they do, I shall foam." — Green Bag.

The Boy Was Willing.

Hired Boy (on a farm)—Kin I go fishin this afternoon?

Farmer—No. But be a good boy and work hard an mebbe next week you kin go to a funeral.

Hired Boy—Kin I go to yours?—Epoch.

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TOMMY CRUSE.

In Hard Luck When He Struck Drum Lummond and Bloomed Out.

When I met Tommy first, his only asset was a serious danger, for his five underfed and underbred ponies were about to be seized for overdue taxes. I could not help Tommy with money, but I tried to with advice. "Strike old Sam Ashby for a couple of hundred dollars," I suggested. Sam Ashby was one of the rich men of Helena, Mont., at that period and ran a small savings bank. Tommy Cruse "tried old Sam Ashby." All he got, however, was some pretty free talk, in which the banker assured Tommy Cruse that he would rather throw his money into the home of his satanic majesty than loan it to such a drunken, shiftless fellow.

Tommy Cruse got the money, however. Three weeks later he located the great Drum Lummond gold mine. He knew he had a big thing, but somehow he could make nobody believe in his mine. For years he worked at it, however, living at times a dog's life.

Once, while talking to a friend of mine, he fell forward unconscious. He had not eaten a mouthful of food for 36 hours, and yet, with dogged persistence, had worked on, till he fell in his tracks. At last his day came. He opened up a big vein and had \$1,000,000 to his credit in a good safe bank. Hard times over, he decided to pose as a "solid citizen," so he opened a savings bank in Helena. One of the first men to apply to Tommy Cruse, banker, for a small loan was the one time banker, old Sam Ashby, now less prosperous. Then came to the old prospector the happiest moment of his life, one that wiped out all memory of starvation and privation. For Tommy Cruse, showing his would be customer to the door, assured that customer, in language too emphatic and graphic for English ears, that he would sooner throw his money into the house of his satanic majesty than loan it to such a drunken, shiftless fellow as Sam Ashby.—Cornhill Magazine.

THE WELL MANNERED BOY.

He Is Simply Charming, but Altogether Too Scarce.

Is there anything more charming in this world than a nice, well-mannered boy? I don't want to be hypercritical, but I must add, as I am a strictly voracious woman, that they are, alas, as rare as they are charming.

Such a boy, the well-mannered genius, thank heavens, I met not long ago, and my instant thought was, What a fine mother his must be. I know her by reputation, a celebrated actress, who has carefully shielded her private life from the public, and my estimation of that woman immediately rose 50 degrees. None but a woman of culture, refinement and true nobility of character could rear a son whose every lightest word showed respect for women, innate good breeding, and, best of all, in this day of affected skepticism among the jennesses doree, an honest belief in the existence of good among men and women in general.

And I couldn't help thinking sorrowfully as I chatted with this delightful boy how few mothers really understand their meter. It's the most responsible work in the world, that of motherhood, and is entered into with the least training and preparation. Women are proverbially proud, vain, their masculine critics say, and I wonder whether they realize how they are reflected in their children? If they did, would they not make a greater effort to have reflected only their good points, their gentleness, breeding, and, above all, their faith in human nature.—Philadelphia Record.

The Sealy Ant Eater.

An animal made of tin plate, of the shape of an elongated fire cone, about three feet in length, which crackles and rustles with every movement, is one of the latest acquisitions of the Zoological society of London. Its name is the pangolin, or sealy ant eater, and it belongs to the same family group as the armadillo and platypus. It has excited great attention at the zoo, for it is—if we are correctly informed—the first animal of the kind which has been exhibited there. Its home is where the termites, or white ants, are found, for the animal feeds on these destructive creatures and possesses claws which are designed to break down their strongholds. The claws are also necessary for burrowing in the ground, for the pangolin excavates a cave for himself and his mate eight feet or so below the surface of the earth, and in this strange home one or two young are produced every year.

The pangolin at present at the zoo is fed upon ants and their eggs, and also exhibits a partiality for cockroaches scalded in milk. The scales with which its body is covered are hard and sharp as steel, and it can give a terribly cutting blow with its powerful tail. It can roll its body up into a ball like a hedgehog when it so wills.—Public Opinion.

Clerical Dunces.

It is to be feared that clergymen who have entered the church through theological colleges are wretched scholars as a rule. The bishops have lately found it necessary to insist on an entrance examination on general subjects before admission to a theological college can be granted, and the results have been decidedly startling. The requirements are almost ridiculously elementary—a couple of books of Xenophon's "Anabasis," some quite easy Latin, two books of Euclid and so forth. Nevertheless, it is stated that a large number of candidates for orders are so grossly ignorant that they have been unable to get through this exceedingly easy ordeal.—London Truth.

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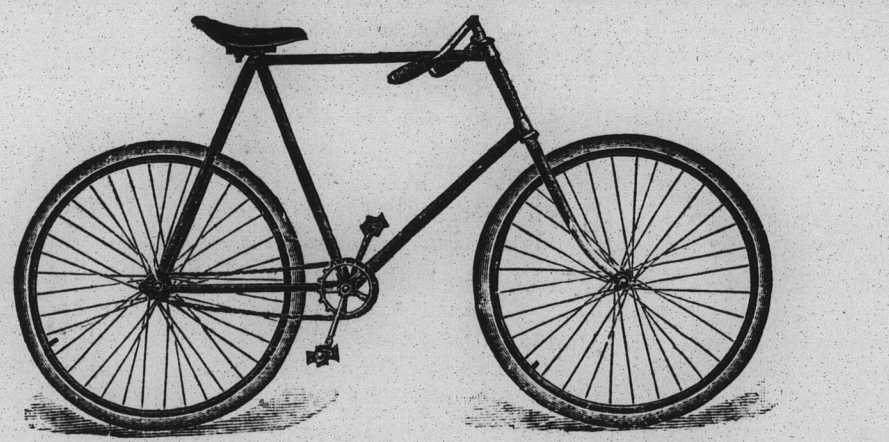
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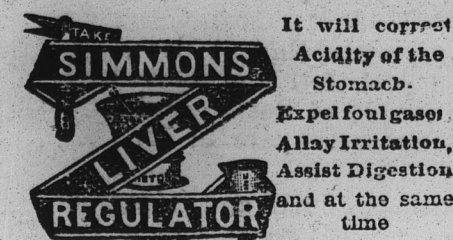
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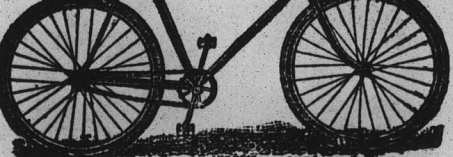
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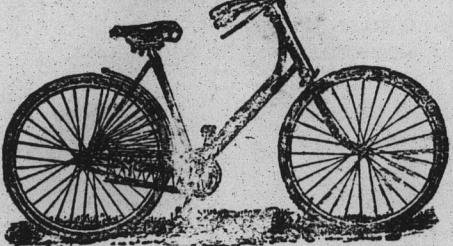
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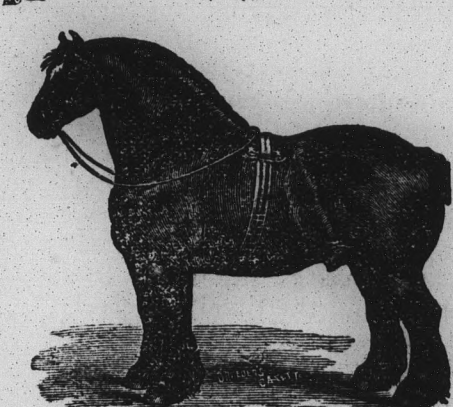
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